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MADD strongly supports elimination of the 5-year lookback.

Driving under the influence is a serious crime! In 28% of DUI arrests in my county, Flathead, the impaired driver caused a crash, and many of those crashes resulted in serious injury or death of a person other than the driver. Another 53% were threatening the public with reckless driving such as driving into oncoming traffic, running a stop sign, or stopping in the middle of the road to vomit or pass out.

The offender needs consequences which will change behavior. If the offender repeats then the consequences need to be stronger. Felony offenders surveyed by Dr. Conley at the UM reported that license suspensions, fines, and education were ineffective for them. They said that earlier effective treatment would have stopped their drinking and driving before they injured or killed someone. This bill will help repeat offenders change behavior by getting them into 24-7 or DUI court.

This bill will save lives!